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FM AMEMBASSY BONN

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 3726

AMEMBASSY NAROB

INFO AMEMBASSY KIGALI

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NAROB FOR RCO FROM CRO

E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJECT: BONN/KIGALI CIRCUIT

REF: STATE 244863 AND TELECON RCO NAIROBI/CRO BONN

1. THIS TELEGRAM CONFIRMS (A) THAT RECENT TESTING BONN/KIGALI CIRCUIT HAS BEEN WITH ARQ FEATURE; (B) THAT ARQ CONTROL LOCATED AT BAX TECH CONTROL AREA UTILIZING TORN TAPE EQUIP FOR SEND AND RECEIVE; (C) THAT MARGINAL RESULTS APPEAR TO BE CAUSED BY PROBLEMS LOCATED IN KIGALI EITHER IN PTT OWNED TAPE MEMORY UNIT OR WITH LINE PROBLEMS BETWEEN FRANKFURT (DBP) AND RWANDA PTT. BAX SATISFIED THAT TORN TAPE EQUIPMENT LOCATED AT THIS SITE IS IN GOOD WORKING ORDER. WE SHALL CONTINUE TESTING IN ARQ MODE UNTIL PROBLEMS FULLY RESOLVED AND WILL GIVE FULL SUPPORT KIGALI ACHIEVE THIS RESULT WHICH HOPEFULLY WILL BE SOON.

2. BECAUSE OF UNDESIRABLE WORKING ARRANGEMENT THIS TYPE OF OPERATION (I.E. TORN TAPE IN MODERN BAX SWITCHING CENTER) BELIEVE THERE ARE OTHER ACCEPTABLE ALTERNATIVES TO SATISFY THE UPGRADING OF KIGALI. TO THIS EXTENT WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN WORKING KIGALI INTO TANANARIVE USING RATTY WITH TANA PERFORMING MINOR RELAY FUNCTIONS (WE UNDERSTAND RADIO PATHS BETWEEN TANA AND KIGALI ARE EXCELLENT.) WE ASSUME OTHER COMPARABLE ALTERNATIVES IN THE OC HOPPER AND RECOMMEND

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THESE BE SURFACED AND EXAMINED ON A HIGH PRIORITY BASIS SO

THAT BAX CAN BE BETTER PREPARED TO ACCOMMODATE ITS FURTHER
EXPANSION--- UNENCUMBERED WITH TORN TAPE RELAYING (A FEATURE
BAX WAS DESIGNED TO REPLACE).

3. WILL KEEP OC ADVISED RE TEST RESULTS.
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